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SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY USSR (Latvian SSR) REPORT COUNTRY 28 DEC SUBJECT DATE DISTR. Port of Ventspils 25X1 NO. OF PAGES 25X1 RD DATE OF INFO. REQUIREMENT NO. PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES This is UNEVALUATED 25X1 THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS RIPORT ARE DEFINITIVE THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. (FOR KEY SEE MEVENCE) 25X1 ship visited the port of Ventspils in mid-April 1954. The pilot came aboard the ship about two or three nautical miles out from the harbor entrance. He had to be summoned by Morse code, even though 25X1 the shipping firm had given notice of the estimated time of arrival (ETA) ship twelve hours and again four hours prior to the ship's the pilot's office was in a tower 25X1 located just inside the harbor entrance. 2. ships on the southern bank of the Venta 25X1 River: 25X1 a. An old-type depot ship which closely resembled an old merchant vessel. Alongside the depot ship submarines were observed. 25X1 25X1 b. Five or six haval vessels were observed 25X1 which was the same vessel size as the vessels just mentioned but it was a more antiquated type. Three naval vessels, which were similar in appearance to KRONSHTADT-Class minesweepers but smaller in size. were also observed. Each ship had a small raked stack 25X1 aft of the bridge. d. Seven or eight ex-German MTBs were also observed. The boats were equipped with torpedo tubes 25X1 25X1 SECRET - US OFFICIALS ONLY 25X1

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